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Mayor Capone celebrates National Donate Life Month

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On Friday, April 1, 2011 at 9:00am, Mayor Capone of East Haven will join with Donate Life Connecticut, state legislators and fellow mayors and first selectmen from around the state at the Capitol Building (The Hall of Flags) in Hartford to launch National Donate Life Month. Donate Life Connecticut, the local coalition for organ and tissue donation, strives to raise public awareness about the need for more people to register as donors. In order to save the lives of our neighbors, Mayor Capone and Donate Life Connecticut encourage all Connecticut residents to say 'YES' to donation.

There are currently more than 110,000 patients on the national transplant waiting list, and 18 people die every day due to the shortage in organs. Donation saves the lives of people who are waiting to breathe effortlessly through healthy lungs or going through the discomfort of daily dialysis treatments. In 2010, over 27,000 Americans received organ transplants and over a MILLION Americans received tissue transplants to restore sight to the blind, restore mobility to the injured and heal the burned. Organ and tissue transplants offer patients a new chance at healthy, productive, normal lives and return them to their families, friends and communities. You have the power to change someone's world by being a donor. It's about living. **It's about Life.**

The town of East Haven will proudly be flying a Donate Life flag during the month of April to align with a national initiative, Flags Across America, to increase awareness about organ and tissue donation. "Thousands of Donate Life Flags will be flown across America at municipalities, fire stations, hospitals, and supportive corporations; Donate Life Connecticut appreciates East Haven's continued leadership in supporting donation," says Kari Mull, Program Director of Donate Life Connecticut. "Mayor Capone was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors to Donate Life Connecticut, we look forward to her enthusiasm and ideas to provide improved outreach to the residents of Connecticut," Mull continues. To learn more about organ and tissue donation and how to join the registry, visit www.DonateLifeCT.org.